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Bible Characters Who Thought For Themselves

Feb. 11:1-11

Subject tonight: Thinking. Defined: to imagine, to suppose, reflect.

Int. Our thinking is based on words and actions. Lord Concerned.
Prov. 23:7 - I Cor. 10:12 - Rom. 12:3 - Phil. 4:8.

Commercial firms know this principle - skillfully use it.
Feature: "the man who thinks for himself" independent mind.
also: "thinking man's liver; smoking man's taste".

"Man of distinction drinks only" four Roses etc. etc. Gentlemen.

I Is it a virtue to follow the crowd blindly?

A. Exodus 23:2. Then shalt not follow

B. Prov. 1:10. If sumners entice thee

C. I Tim. 5:22. Neither be partakers

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II God's Greatest Servants have always thought for themselves.

A. Noah ^{Gen. 6} thought alone, stood alone. Isa. 55:8-9.

B. Abraham ^{Gen. 12} left highest civilization for wilderness. "Thinker"?

C. Joseph ^{Gen. 39} young, alone, tempted and a self-thinker.

D. Moses ^{Ex. 32} stood alone with tablets in hand. People playing.

E. Daniel ^{Dan. 6} thought and prayed alone.

III This problem before us today. "do with wife - why not Lord?"

SOME MEN A. Follow superficial qualities; not deeper attributes. Ill. Phillip Melancthon.

B. Many conform to non-conformity. Beatniks, Greenwich village N.Y.

C. Some young people think with mass. Defy authority. Convicts.

D. Women's styles: Too short, too much exposure. Everyone else doing it.

IV Qualities of a thinking man.

A. Not a radical. Phil. 4:5.

B. Unusual - fine, noble, constructive + happy.

C. Respects the law of God. Ps. 119:11. Thy Word

1. Elite
2. Quitters
3. Rebel
4. Alcoholic



Conclusion: God's Wisdom in four passages.
I Peter 2:13-29 How + what to think.
I Tim. 2:1-4.
Eph. 6:1-3
Heb. 13:7, 17.

Inv. The Christian is the finest thinking
man in world.
must think out Faith, Shall I believe Heb. 11:6.
must think out Repentance, Shall I? Acts 2:38,
must think about Confession, Shall I? Rom. 10:9-10.
must think on baptism, Mk. 16:15-16.

Rededicate life?
Identify with family of the Lord?

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